



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**Washington State
Veterinary Board of Governors
Meeting Minute**

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 20, 2016, by Suzan Seelye, DVM, Chair. The meeting was held at the Courtyard by Marriot Richland, Marina Conference Room, 480 Columbia Point Drive, Richland, WA 99352.

Board Members Present: Suzan Seelye, DVM, Chair
Ethan Nelson, DVM
Elizabeth Davies, DVM
Lina Wachsmuth, DVM
Kelli Robson, LVT
Tawney Carrier, Public Member

Staff Present: Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
LaTrina Spann, Secretary Senior
Megan Mikkelson, Policy Analyst

Others Present: N/A

ORDER OF AGENDA

OPEN SESSION: 9:00 AM

Call to Order – Suzan Seelye, DVM

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was approved as written.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2016 Meeting**
The minutes were approved as written.

9:05 a.m.

REPORTS

3. **Suzan Seelye, DVM, Chair.** Dr. Seelye announced that she cannot attend the September 19th meeting, so Dr. Wachsmuth will chair that meeting. Dr. Seelye asked the board for input on starting a strategic plan for future board business. Lorelei will look at other boards to see what they have implemented. Dr. Seelye also wanted to discuss modifying the member terms to a four-year term with the ability to serve consecutive terms. The board further discussed allowing the veterinary technician position to participate in disciplinary case reviews. Both ideas would require legislation sponsored by the Department of Health on behalf of the board. Dr. Seelye requested staff provide a short presentation at the next meeting on the process of initiating request legislation. Dr. Seelye also inquired about receiving the minutes sooner. Staff will send draft minutes to the board as soon as they are ready.
4. **Kathy Schmitt, Deputy Office Director** updated the board on the current revenue and expenditures. The Department of Health and the Nursing Commission is polling boards and commissions regarding whether they would support request legislation for the Rap Back program, which permits a one-time FBI background check for all professions upon initial licensure or renewal and allows the Washington State Patrol to maintain the records and check against current criminal records. The board requested a presentation at a future meeting by Catherine Woodard, Associate Executive Director of the Nursing Commission, on how RapBack would operate.

Lorelei Walker, Program Manager, provided the board with a new member binder with key resources for new and current members. The board appreciated having this information compiled in one place. The board also discussed having disciplinary training once a year. Ms. Walker announced that Dr. O'Rourke has resigned and a new board member, Dr. Sue Moriyasu, has been appointed.

5. **Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General**
No Report.

RULES HEARING – 10:01 AM

8. **WAC 246-933-350** Lorelei presented non-substantive editorial suggestions from the Department of Health for consistency with pharmacy rules, and a comment of support from Senator Christine Rolfes.

WAC 246-935-290 Lorelei presented an editorial suggestion from a stakeholder to update the name of the North American Veterinary Technician Association to the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America.

The board deliberated and Dr. Wachsmuth moved to approve both rule changes. Ms. Robson seconded. The motion carried.

The rules hearing was closed at 10:12 AM.

- 6. Request for recognition of externship program from Joint-Base Lewis McChord**
The board reviewed the additional information submitted in support of the JBLM request for approval of its externship for Army veterinary students to be placed in clinical externships off-post. Dr. Nelson moved to approve this program. Ms. Robson seconded. The motion carried.
- 7. Five-year rule review**
The board reviewed WAC 246-933-310 through -340. Ms. Robson moved to flag WAC 246-933-310 for future revision to clarify that a mobile clinic does not require a reception room. Dr. Wachsmuth seconded. The motion carried. No other rules were flagged for future rule-making.

RULE MAKING

- 9. WAC 246-933-420 Basic Requirement- Amount**
The board held a rule-making workshop to revisit and determine the allowance for complementary alternative veterinary continuing education hours. The board consulted the AVMA's Model Veterinary Practice Act for the definition of "complementary, alternative, and integrative therapies", and proposed the following language:

In any three-year reporting period:
 - (1) At least ten hours must be earned in conventional (Western) medicine.
 - (2) No more than twenty hours can be earned in courses related to complementary and alternative veterinary medicine or complementary, alternative, or integrative therapies.
 - (3) No more than ten hours can be earned in practice management courses.
Dr. Wachsmuth moved to accept the revised language. Ms. Robson seconded. The motion carried.

Break: 10:40-11:00

CLOSED SESSION- 11:00 AM Licensing and Disciplinary panels.

RECOVERED IN OPEN SESSION- 11:45 AM

OPEN FORUM 11:51 AM

- 10.** The board held an open forum for public announcement. The public did not attend the forum.
- 11. Ethics and recordkeeping continuing education courses**
The board discussed AAVSB record keeping courses.
- 12. Selection of hearing panel**
This item was removed from the agenda.
- 13. Approved continuing education providers under WAC 246-933-460(e)**
The board discussed whether WAC 246-933-460(e) would apply to four entities (Inland Empire Veterinary Medical Association (VMA), Peninsula VMA, Tri-County VMA, and

Puget Sound VMA). After discussion, Ms. Robson moved to take no action on this matter. Dr. Wachsmuth seconded. The motion carried.

14. Continuing Education.

Course reviews were approved as follows:

Dr. Jocelyn Hutton/ Animal Medical Center of Seattle	GI Disease <i>1 hour of CE credit for Vet Techs</i>
Holly Clarke/ OMNI Veterinary Practice Group	Preparing to Purchase a Veterinary Practice <i>Approved 3 hours of CE for Vets for practice management</i>
Teresa Batemon/ VCA Veterinary Specialty	Diagnostic Radiography for the Vet Tech Ass: Safety, Techniques and Shoulder Positioning <i>Approved 1 hour of CE for Vet Techs</i>
Elena L. Behnke, DVM, MAHM, DACPV/ Notional Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)	NPIP Biennial Conference <i>Approved additional 7 hours of CE for Vets</i>
Dr. Janet Helms/ Zoetis	Profitability is Proactive Dairying: An Dairy Economics Symposium <i>Approved 8 hours of CE for Vets</i>

Designated reviewers for July – September 2016: Dr. Wachsmuth, Dr. Nelson, and Dr. Davies.

Schedule for interim course review: August 16, 2016

15. Veterinary technician use of a Class 1 cold laser

The board concluded that a veterinary technician can operate a Class 1 cold laser under the indirect supervision of a veterinarian who has examined the animal and provided direction to the technician.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.